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WEATHER The week ending December 1 was dry and seasonably cool. Measurable amounts of precipitation were confined mainly to the southeast quarter of the State, where weekly totals were generally under one-third inch. Maxima were mostly in the 35-50 degree range, which caused melting of the snow cover in most sections.

Arctic air rushed across the State on the 2nd, dropping afternoon temperatures from the 40's and 50's to the teens and 20's in the matter of a few hours. Daytime highs on the 3rd were mostly in the teens. Some snow fell in the Panhandle on the 3rd.

CROPS Harvesting conditions improved last week and harvest resumed statewide. Harvest of corn was the main activity. Fields were frozen during the mornings, but muddy conditions generally prevailed during the afternoons, slowing or stopping harvesting operations.

Corn harvest is 60% complete compared with 97% last year. Harvest resumed in all areas with yields very good and field losses have been less than expected earlier. Grain harvested last week averaged 22% moisture, and corn drying facilities are running at maximum capacity to keep up with the harvest. More than 200 million bushels of corn remain in the field.

Sorghum harvest advanced to 72% completed compared with 98% last year. Harvest is slow and presenting more problems than corn. Most remaining sorghum is severely lodged, and harvest success is dependent upon the type of harvesting equipment available. Nearly 40 million bushels of sorghum remain to be harvested.

Soybean harvest made limited progress and is now 92% complete. Approximately 2 million bushels remain unharvested. Some sugar beets were dug in the western areas last week, and a small acreage is not yet harvested.

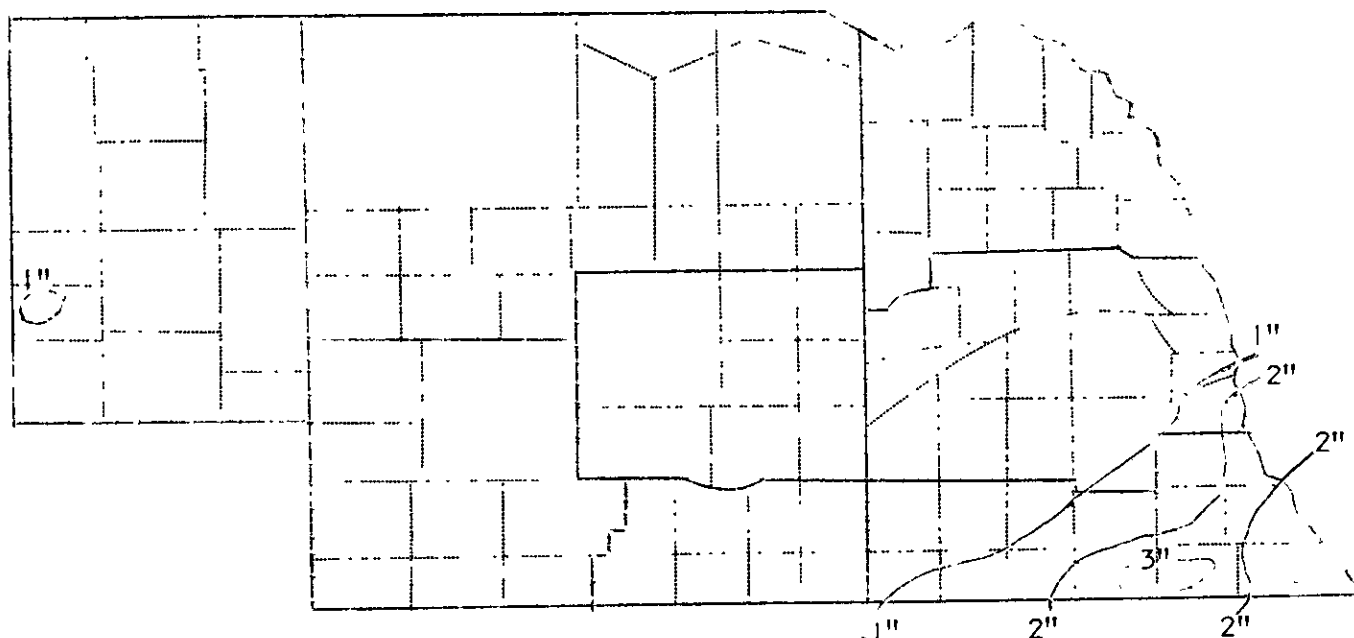
Winter wheat is in good condition with a partial snow cover.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are under stress of muddy feedlots and cold weather. As stalk fields become available, more livestock are turned into the fields to glean crop residues.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 12/3/72

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	.02
Lincoln	T	North Platte	T	Imperial	T
Norfolk	0	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.03
Omaha	0			Sidney	.02
Sioux City	0				

TOTAL SNOWFALL FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1972



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1972

